

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Examine Psychological Warfare Records

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1. The question raised in the attached memorandum has been discussed with the various parts of CIA having an interest therein, and, inasmuch as the records of the old OSS are all classified and under the control of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it is believed undesirable to grant [] request. Not only would a bad precedent be set, but granting of permission to authorize research into classified files might even be dangerous from a security point of view.

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2. Therefore, will you please inform that we are unable to grant his request.

Signed & dispatched 3/11/49

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 Director of Central
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